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STARTING WRONG

Paul Nesbitt is charged by the Daily Oklahoman with having said that Oklahoma must take the fifty million dollar road bond issue as it passed the legislature or take nothing, and with adding to this the threat that if the people defeat the constitutional amendment May 6, any substitute measure will be likewise beaten, in that the administration and its friends have power sufficient to beat any other measure.

The News would ask Mr. Nesbitt just what he means by this sort of talk, provided, of course, the Daily Oklahoman has not misquoted him. To say the very least of it, he has started wrong, and any such threats or statements are out of place, uncalculated and unwarranted.

Administration folk will do well to remember that the "administration" is not the whole of the State of Oklahoma, and should realize at the outset that if they propose to assume an attitude of shoving ANY MEASURE down the people's throat under threat of beating any substitute measure that is put up, they are probably due for a drubbing.

Our people in Bryan County are we feel, in a majority favorable to a permanent and comprehensive system of highways, for we've all learned that good roads are cheaper than bad roads. We have not all had the opportunity to study this big problem—the biggest ever presented to Oklahoma suffrage—and consequently are not yet in position to say fairly whether we are for the proposed bill or not. If the News, after a study of the proposition, determines that it is sound and will accomplish the desired end, then the News will support it energetically; conversely, should we, after deliberation, conclude that the plans are faulty, leaving room for much improvement, and not likely to give us what we want, then the News will be just as determined in its opposition. This, we feel, also is the attitude of the majority of the people of this part of the State.

Therefore, the News does not appreciate the alleged threats and veiled inferences made by Mr. Nesbitt in behalf of the administration.

And now attempts are to be made to defeat the paving of Elm street and Eighth avenue by injunction proceedings, it is said. The only comment the News cares to make on the matter is that if one or two persons can, through injunction proceedings, defeat the wishes of the people owning a majority of the property that would be affected by the proposed improvement, then there is something wrong with our paying laws, and the majority is subject to the wishes of the small minority which we are quite sure, our constitution and the statutes do not contemplate.

Bolshevism—applied anarchy is the product of idleness, both voluntary and forced. If everybody that wanted a job had one, the world over, Bolshevism couldn't have been born. This is recognized by one of America's greatest banking firms, when the institution contributed one hundred thousand dollars toward keeping the Government employment service going.

An exchange has aptly said that hurrahing for the soldier when he goes away to war and the entertaining of him when he returns, alone accomplish no good to the individual nor to the country. The returned soldier wants a job more than he wants a type of praise that is "lip deep" only and not coupled by a helping hand in an economic way.

This part of the country is more or less "crazy" over oil, legitimate, wildcat and otherwise, and it has come to be a sort of axiom what some of these oil concerns put over their stockholders. Now and then there are instances of an open and above board, square deal in an oil proposition. One such company concludes its prospectus with these words: "No one should put more money into ANY oil proposition than he is well able to lose"—and still another concern that we know of heads its literature, "An honest GAMBLE in oil." The fellow who promises you a chuck and big dividends on your hundred or two hundred bucks is a good fellow to let alone, but the fellow who tells you out and out that you're gambling, and have more chances to lose than win, and satisfies you that you'll GET a profit if you EARN it, is all right to deal with—provided you can afford to lose if you have to. Most fellows who buy oil stocks lose it.

Let us figure on your job printing

We've gotten the building fever here. The NEWS is glad to see it, for such a fever is an indication of financial solidity, based on a firm confidence in the future of our city and the rich country surrounding, plus good optimistic human energy and imagination. Cities don't spring up like mushrooms—they are built up by human hands. Communities do not become rich in any product thru mother nature alone—but their resources are developed, moulded and nurtured by human energy, plus knowledge and confidence. There isn't a county on God's green earth with any more favorable natural endowment than Bryan county; there isn't any small city under Heaven better located to become the liveliest city of twenty thousand on earth than Durant. All that is needed is more confidence—more imagination—more knowledge—and more more applied human energy. We've started now—"let's go."

That necessary confidence, and imagination and energy has awakened in Durant. It has planned to do and started to accomplish more in a community way the past three months than in all of the past ten years thrown together, and we're going good. We've got a lot of things for sure and some many more in good prospect. One of the things we've got is a new building for the Normal School. It was needed. We've overlooked a bet tho and along the same line. It is that new building for the Presbyterian College. A few years ago Durant subscribed \$13,000 or some such matter out of a necessary \$40,000 for a new college building. The groups of people that were to come across with the difference didn't make good and the local pledges were written off. It's the ONLY thing we've started here and flunked on, and it wasn't our fault. If we don't start it all over again, and put it across this time, it WILL be our fault.

Some where in this issue of the NEWS is an advertisement of a building and Loan association which we hope every reader of the paper will look at, read carefully and think about. It is more of a thrift lesson than an advertisement, but as the Building and Loan business is a most excellent vehicle on which to ride to financial comfort thru thrift, the use of the illustration is apt. State Superintendent R. H. Wilson designed the cartoon, for that is what it is, and W. T. Hunt, who by the way once lived in this town, made a drawing of it. Both the young men whose life history is therein predicted had about an equal chance—yet one wound up a day laborer and the other a bank president.

FROM EXCHANGES

Cherokee Republican: Secretary Baker is going to have a history of the war written soon. Wonder if he will have a paragraph in it dealing with the honorable discharge of the conscientious objectors. And wonder if he will say, or have said in it that the conscientious objector, who never did any fighting, is just as good and served his country just as well as the fellow that returned home maimed for life because of his patriotism and his devotion to duty and his country. We wonder.

Shattuck Monitor: You will hear men talk of their personal liberty and some of them don't know what liberty is. To do what we will is natural liberty, to do what we may consistently with the interests of the community to which we belong, is civil liberty, the only liberty to be desired in a state of civil society.

Bennington Tribune: General Leonard Wood ought to be an admirable candidate for President. The newspapers would find material in his name for so many good puns and jokes.

Itube Geers, in Tishomingo Capital-Democrat: Durant has at last ruined Ed Spears. They elected him mayor last week. Frank White was also elected alderman. Ruben's friends seem to be getting into trouble everywhere. A. B. Davis is holding his own over there, and so far Ed Story has escaped the women voters.

Boswell News: The anti's, who are clamoring for the defeat of prohibition, assert that a "kitchen distillery" can be set up for about \$10.00. That, however, does not include the fines and costs.

McAlester News-Capital: Since the Kaiser was fired he has done \$20 worth of sawing wood and \$1,000.00 worth of keeping quiet. Thus we see how valuable royalty may become when it devotes itself assiduously to things worth while.

El Reno American: Citizens of Oklahoma should take great pride in the announcement by the War Department that Fort Sill, Post Field, and Camp Doniphan are to be retained as permanent posts in the army program. While the war is over, the new army program calls for continued training of a large standing army, and the action of the War Department guarantees this State a permanent part in the army activities.

Durant Democrat: The saw and hammer is heard in every section of the city, making a greater Durant, and creating homes for people who are coming to this city.

Muskogee Times-Democrat: When a man runs amuck after July 1, he can't explain that he was crazed by booze and irresponsibility; the police would probably think him a liar and a Bolshevik anyway.

Elid Events: There is one telephone for every nine persons in the United States, and it often seems as if the other eight were listening.

Hominy News: The many friends of the late J. Barlevorn are apparently trusting greatly in the ability

Our Welcome Sign is Up For "Glad to Show You Night"

Visit us and shake hands with us again — We'll talk as you want to talk — and even smoke your brand—and incidentally show you through the Finest Clothing Store in Southern Oklahoma.

"DRESS UP"

- You Soldiers
- You Sailors
- You Civilians
- You School Boys

Good Clothes Do Make a Difference

The well dressed to put his personality across.
 The Clothes help man has part of his battle won in advance.

Make it Clothes of a National Reputation-- K C Co. Clothes

Whether it's a Styleplus Suit, a Society Brand Suit, or a Michael Stern Suit, you'll get dollar for dollar value—They make good or we do.
 —any model, any style, any color—all good
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feel and—
 you would
 Dress as

Good Furnishings are as Essential as a Good Suit

That's why we matched our goods of National Reputation with Furnishing Goods men everywhere know by name.

SHIRTS — The biggest variety you ever saw in one store, and every Shirt has satisfaction sewed in the seam.

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 Where
CLOTHING CO. Society Brand
 CLOTHES
 are sold

"A MAN'S STORE FOR A MAN'S GARMENT"

are dressed
 as you
 —You'll feel

DAMP HOUSES CAUSE OF MANY TROUBLES

Leaky Roofs or Other Such Conditions May Be at Fault.

Henhouse Must Be Made Tight Before Its Use Will Be Entirely Satisfactory—Low Floors Should Be Avoided.

Dampness in the house is a common cause of trouble in the farm flock. Leaky roofs or walls, low floors, poor location and other such conditions may be at fault. Unless these are corrected colds, roup or rheumatism may follow.

Every poultry house must be made tight before its use will be entirely satisfactory. With the many excellent brands of prepared roofing that are now on the market and which sell at reasonable prices, there is really no excuse for leaky roofs or walls.

Single walls will get somewhat frosty in cold weather unless the windows are kept open at the top or maximum screens are used over part of them for ventilation. When the frost condenses into water and runs down the sides of the house dampness and disease follow. To avoid this every bright, sunny day we throw the doors of our houses wide open and give the interior a thorough sunning and airing.

Floors that are lower than the natural surroundings of the house are sure to become damp and soggy, because water or melting snow will run in. A good board or cement floor is the best solution in such cases, but the trouble can be stopped by the cheaper plan of filling inside the house with sand or gravel until the floor is a foot or more higher than the outside ground level.

Success in Marketing. Success in farming depends to a considerable extent upon success in marketing, and marketing has come to be a highly specialized business.

BIG VALUE OF DUCKS FOR MEAT AND EGGS

Pekin Breed Fatten Rapidly on Vegetable Feeds.

Runner Is Also Popular and Holds Same Position in Duck Family That Leghorn Does With Chickens—Is Good Forager.

The Pekin breed is kept almost exclusively by producers of green ducks, and also on many farms where they are grown for meat. They fatten rapidly and may be fed on rations recommended for chickens, but better results are usually secured by feeding more green and vegetable feeds and a larger proportion of mash.

For the general farmer who is more interested in obtaining eggs than producing meat the Runner is a good breed. This duck holds the same relative position in the duck family that the Leghorn does in the chicken family. It lays a good-sized white egg, considerably larger than a hen's egg, and is declared to be a small eater, a good forager, and hardy. The introduction of this breed is helping to build up a trade of first-class duck eggs. These eggs should be marketed frequently, as they depreciate in quality more rapidly than hen's eggs.

POULTRY NOTES

Early hatching means greater profit.

Early hatching means better grown chicks.

Early hatching means a longer growing season.

Early hatching means eggs from the pullets while the hens are molting.

An abundance of pure water is necessary for healthy fowls and a full egg basket.

SANITARY BARNs FOR STOCK ARE FAVORABLE

Fair Standard of Hygiene Should Be Maintained.

Important That Animals Be Given Abundance of Natural Light and Pure Air to Prevent Prevalence of Disease.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Losses of live stock due to disease are less on farms operated under reasonably sanitary conditions, and slight in proportion to those on farms where no special attention is given to making the housing conditions sanitary. A man about to embark in the live-stock industry should hesitate no official of the United States department of agriculture, unless he is able to supply buildings suitably equipped to maintain at least a fair standard of hygiene. The prevalence of diseases, particularly tuberculosis, and their rapid spread in communities where large numbers of animals are crowded in dark, damp, poorly ventilated buildings—especially of bank-barn types and the nonprevalence of similar diseases among animals where they are allowed to roam at large, illustrate the importance of constructing barns so that the live stock may have abundant natural light and pure air.

Sanitary barn construction means the liberal use of concrete and steel. This does not necessarily mean expensive construction. The sanitary barn should be built on a site that has the advantages of good natural drainage and a good water supply. The surroundings should be in keeping with the interior construction. Barn yards and exercising lots should be built of concrete feeding forms which are properly sloped and drained are advisable. In all cases convenience in handling the sites should be secondary in consideration to sanitation.